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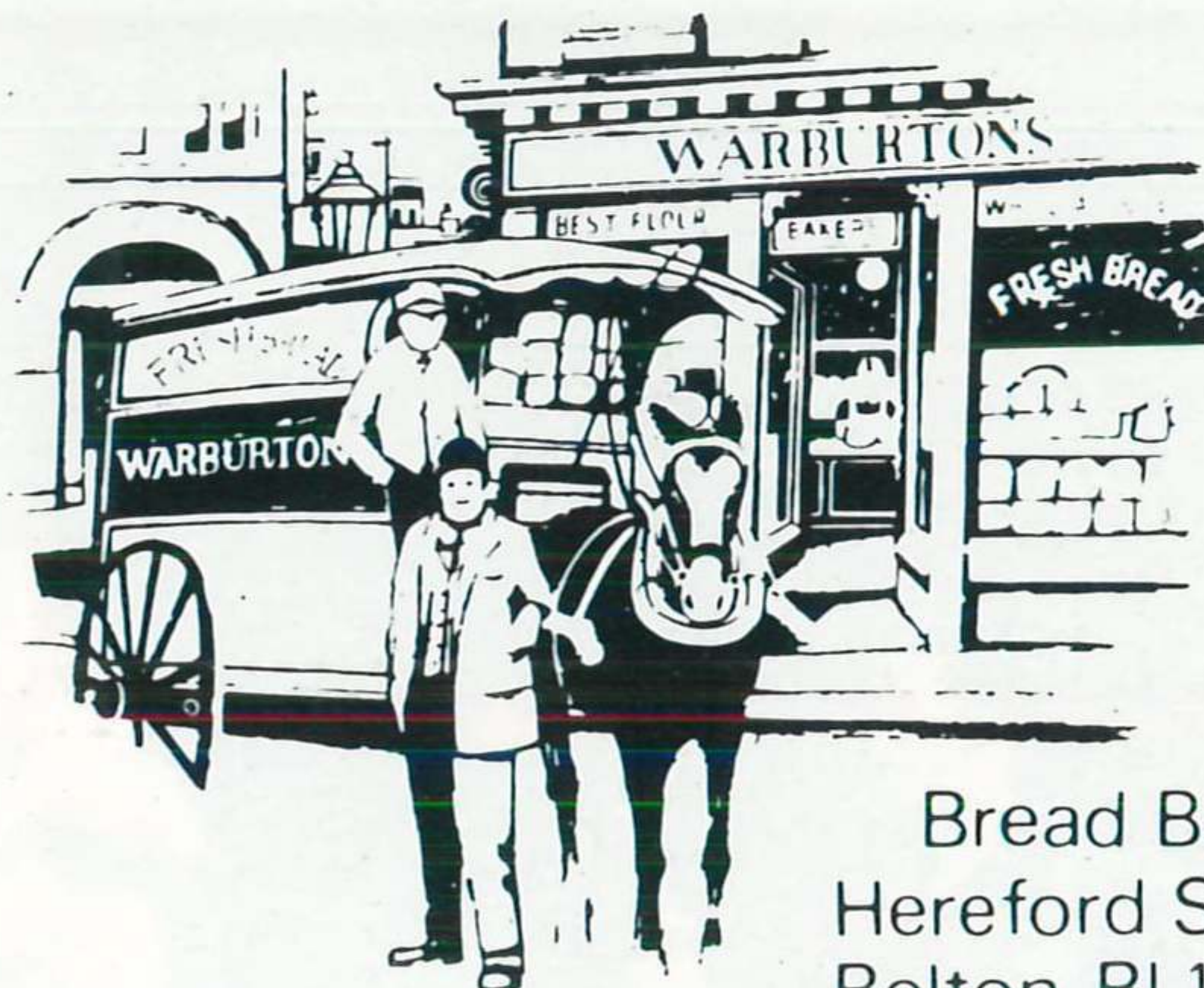
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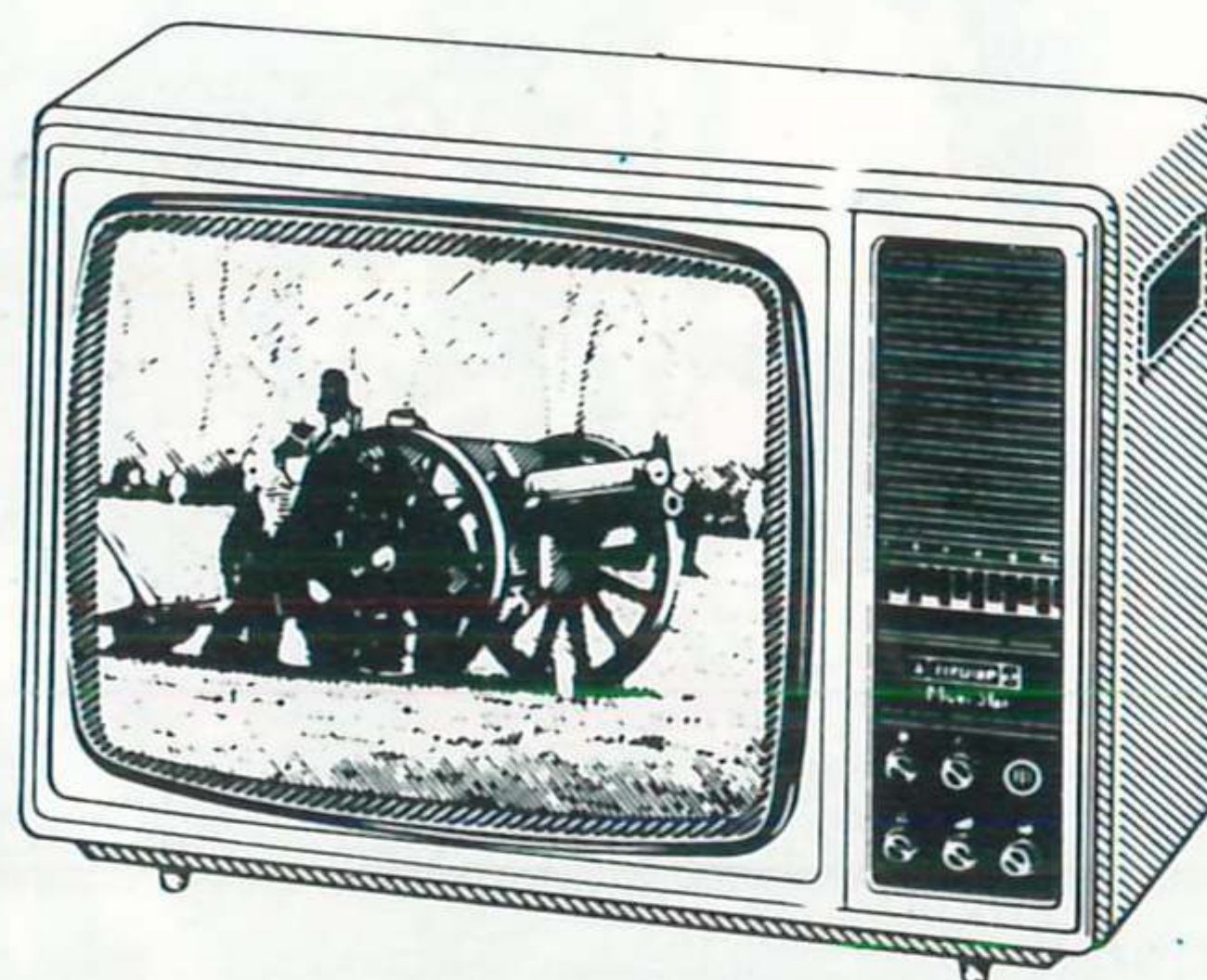
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Stan Anderson writes

A glance at the League table shows that today's game is of vital importance to both ourselves and our opponents Shrewsbury. Only three points separate us so you can say it's another of those "four-pointers".

While I offer no excuses, being frank, we should not be in this position of battling to get out of the danger zone. I'm not saying we should have been in the promotion race, but when all is said and done we're only 10 points behind the team in third place in the division. There's such a small margin between the promotion and relegation positions that if we had been able to show any sort of consistency we would have been up there with Blackburn and Derby.

I am bitterly disappointed that we are in our present position but I have no doubt where the trouble lies.

Our away form has been a real let down. I know we have had a lot of injuries, but you can't go on making excuses like that. At the end of the day we've got players at this club who should really be performing much better away from home. The pressure that is on us at the moment is all down to our away performances.

We did it again at Chelsea last week. Having looked composed for the first 20 minutes or so we gave a goal away. Chelsea got a free kick, Terry Poole saved the shot, but for some reason he let the ball go and their player came in to score.

That was a real sickener for the rest of the lads and was the real killer. I doubt if the second goal had any real significance in terms of the result.

As so often happens, that one goal destroyed everything that had gone before.

You can't afford to make mistakes when you're looking to accumulate points to get away from the danger zone.

There is no doubt that we have to pick up three or four points away from home if we are to reach a safe position. It would not be wise policy to rely on our home games.

Having said that there is no room for the slightest slip at home and we'll be banking on two points from today's game to get us off to a good start.

Our Visits



Back Row: Graham Hawkins (Coach), John Keay, Tony Larkin, Ian Atkins, Glyn Jones, Bob Wardle, Colin Griffin, Carleton Leonard, David Tong, Wayne Jones (Trainer).

Front Row: Jimmy Lindsay, John Dungworth, Brian Coyne, John King, Graham Turner (Manager), Steve Biggins, Dean Edwards, Steve Cross, Paul Petts.

CRITICAL TIME FOR SHREWSBURY

By Tony Pullein

Shrewsbury's tendency to play it tight at the back, and cautiously in midfield, is quite understandable when we take into account their position in the table. The Gay Meadow club was elevated to Second Division status for the first time in its history last season but, after holding their own last term, they are now in a precarious position as they face some of their most critical games.

Generally Shrewsbury have fared better against the top teams. So, though they have yet to win away from home in the League this season, they have played creditable draws at places like Luton, Derby, Queen's Park Rangers, Sheffield Wednesday and Notts County.

At the moment Shrewsbury share with Hereford United — the Fourth Division's bottom club — the unwanted distinction of being the lowest-scoring away team in the

Football League with a mere five goals to their credit.

With the threat of relegation looming so ominously, Shrewsbury are endeavouring to try and pick up as many away points as possible. They tend to pack their defence even though the need to pull men back has reflected upon the success of the attack which is not, perhaps, getting the support it could expect.

Player-manager Graham Turner recently re-signed the club's former leading scorer Chic Bates, from Bristol Rovers for £20,000, and for a while he replaced Steve Biggins in attack as partner for John Dungworth. Also, there was scant improvement in the rate of scoring and Bates has recently found himself on the substitute's bench.

The midfield positions are usually filled by David Tong, Paul Petts, Ian Atkins and Steve Cross though manager Turner has played himself in more than half of their fixtures.

Colin Griffin and John Keay fill the central defensive positions while Jake King and Carleton Leonard are the usual full-backs. Bob Wardle has now firmly established himself in goal.

Mr Turner has been with Shrewsbury since 1973 but it was when Alan Durban accepted the bigger challenge with Stoke City that he was appointed player-manager in December

Town

1978. He enjoyed a tabulous start, for Shrewsbury knocked Manchester City out of the F.A. Cup and proceeded to the sixth round for the first time in their history. Another club record went at the end of the season when Mr Turner led them to the Third Division championship and a place in the Second Division for the first time.

Naturally, they struggled a bit during the opening weeks of last season and, with only one point from five games, the position began to look hopeless. But there was no panic. Striker John Dungworth was signed from Aldershot for £100,000 — a club record fee — but, apart from that, the manager showed faith in his existing staff.

Results gradually began to improve and the club made a steady rise up the table, eventually finishing 13th — a highly satisfactory achievement in view of their slow start.

During the summer winger Paul Maguire was sold to Stoke City for a fee reported to be in the region of £250,000 but Mr Turner re-invested only a small part of that in signing a replacement man in Paul Petts.

The last time Shrewsbury won away from home in the League was at West Ham last April. They have failed to win any of their 16 away League games this season though they drew at Preston (0-0), Oldham (0-0), Luton (1-1), Derby (1-1), Q.P.R. (0-0), Sheffield Wednesday (1-1) and Notts County (0-0).

Shrewsbury were beaten at Swansea (1-2), Blackburn (0-2), West Ham (0-3), Newcastle (0-1), Grimsby (0-1), Orient (0-1), Chelsea (0-3), Watford (0-1) and Cambridge (1-3).

The Shrewsbury club is among the younger members of the Football League, having been elected to the Third Division (North) upon the League's extension to 92 clubs in 1950. After one season they were transferred to the Southern Section where they remained until becoming a founder member of Division Four in 1958.

They won promotion at the first attempt, though, and they repeated that process after relegation in 1974.

From that point they have been on the upgrade all the while . . . until just now.

It is clear that Shrewsbury must find more power in attack if they are to hold their place. In their first 37 League and Cup games this season, they managed to score more than once in only eight of them.

BOB WARDLE (Goalkeeper). After waiting patiently for the first-team chance that never came at Bristol City, Bob joined Shrewsbury in 1974 — then faced another wait. He eventually got his chance at Christmas 1977 and he has been the first-choice for the past year.

JOHN KING (Defender). John completed his apprenticeship with Shrewsbury and earned his chance in their League eleven in 1972/73. He will shortly celebrate his 300th League appearance for the club.

COLIN GRIFFIN (Defender). Colin was a reserve player with Derby but he stepped straight into Shrewsbury's League team upon his transfer in 1975 and he has been holding his place in the middle of the defence since then.

JOHN KEAY (Defender). John spent his early days with Celtic but he didn't get into their first-team. After signing for Shrewsbury he made his League bow against Chesterfield in September 1977. John is now the club's penalty taker. He

converted eight spot-kicks last season and has been successful five times this term.

CARLETON LEONARD (Defender). Carleton developed in the junior sides at Gay Meadow and it was during 1975/76 that he was introduced to their League eleven. He has been a fixture in defence for over four years now.

TONY LARKIN (Defender). Tony did not make a lot of headway with Wrexham so he welcomed the chance to sign for Shrewsbury in 1978. He has since made over 50 League appearances, mostly at left-back.

GRAHAM TURNER (Midfield). Graham is Shrewsbury's player-manager. He first appeared in League soccer with Wrexham in 1965 but he moved on to Chester three years later. Shrewsbury paid what was then a club record fee of £30,000 to sign him in 1973 and he was promoted to player-manager in December 1978.

PAUL PETTS (Midfield). Paul is under pressure from his manager to score goals. He joined the club last summer from Bristol Rovers for an initial fee of £15,000. When he makes his 30th appearance shortly Shrewsbury will have to hand over a further £20,000. He is a former England youth international and Graham Turner has been urging him to become more adventurous and be more ready to take a shot at goal.

IAN ATKINS (Midfield). Ian is a product of the club's nursery scheme. He worked his way into the first-team in 1975 and celebrated his 200th League game on the opening day of this season.

STEVE CROSS (Midfield). Steve also developed in the juniors and he got his League chance in 1976/77.

JIMMY LINDSAY (Midfield). Jimmy won Scottish youth international honours in his West Ham days. He was transferred to Watford in 1971 and then joined Colchester in 1974. He moved on to Hereford a year later and Shrewsbury signed him in 1977.

DAVID TONG (Midfield). David worked out his apprenticeship with Blackpool and successfully took his place in their League team in 1974. He played about 80 games in the Tangerines' first-team before joining Shrewsbury in 1978.

STEVE BIGGINS (Forward). Steve was top scorer with 13 goals last season and is once again challenging for the lead. Another product of the junior teams, Steve scored on his League debut in January 1978 and he has been keeping up a consistent scoring rate ever since.

JOHN DUNGWORTH (Forward). John was only a moderate success with his early clubs, Huddersfield and Oldham — plus Barnsley and Rochdale whom he served on loan — but he became a sensation with Aldershot, hitting 23 goals and 34 in his two seasons at the Recreation Ground. Shrewsbury signed him for £100,000 last season.

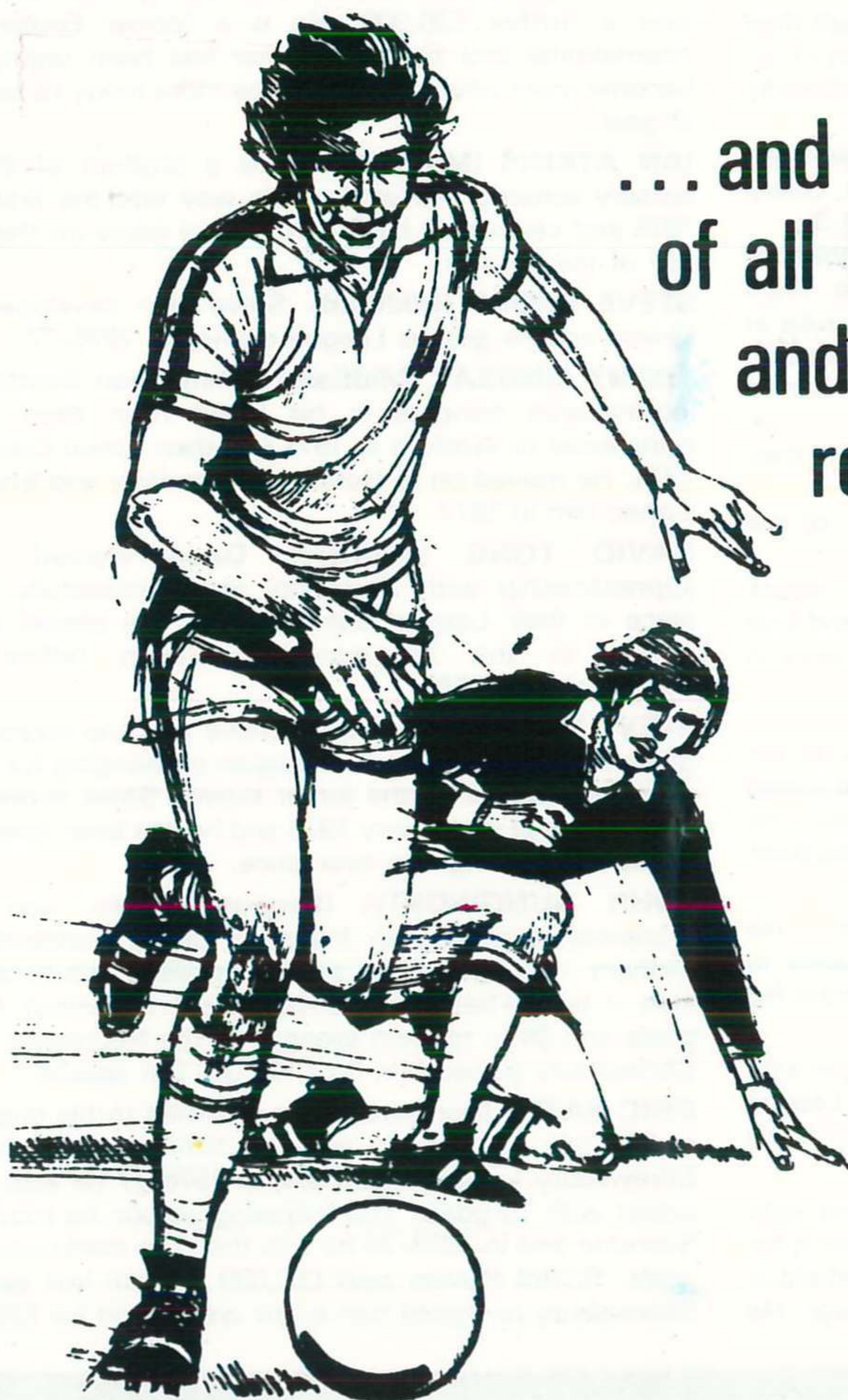
CHIC BATES (Forward). Chic returned to his original club earlier this season. It was in 1974 that he made his Shrewsbury League debut and in 1976/77 he was their top scorer with 15 goals. The following season he moved on to Swindon and in 1978/79 he was their top marksman with 16 goals. Bristol Rovers paid £50,000 for him last season but Shrewsbury re-signed him a few weeks ago for £20,000.

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Club Scene

NAT SCORES ANOTHER HIT

NAT LOFTHOUSE scored another hit on Monday with another full house for one of his now famous Sportsmen's Evenings in the Burnden Executive Club.

Southampton manager Lawrie McMenemy, who has become a well-known TV personality with his expert analysis of matches, headed a guest list with a strong North East flavour. Other personalities included Geordie hero Jackie Milburn and former Newcastle United manager Joe Harvey.

DUTCH TREAT FOR FANS

Wanderers fans will get another chance to compare continental styles with our own on Tuesday night when we play host to our friends from Sparta, Rotterdam, kick off 7.30pm.

Sparta, members of the Dutch Premier League, were a major force in European football well before Ajax of Amsterdam came on the scene.

They have a distinguished history and are bidding to reclaim their former glory in domestic competitions. Among their star names are Wim Surbier and Ruud Geels, two of the best known names on the Dutch international scene.

But two of their top players are imports from British soccer, namely Peter Robinson and David Loggie.

Robinson, a central defender, is in his first season in Dutch football after signing from Burnley and Loggie, who plays in attack has had spells at Burnley and York City.

Keeping the English flavour is flamboyant trainer-coach Barry Hughes one of the most popular characters in Dutch football.

The visit of Sparta is a return match following the meeting of the sides in Rotterdam last August when Wanderers

were on their short pre-season tour. Wanderers won that game 2-1 with goals from Chris Thompson and John Thomas, so the Sparta side will have a score to settle.

Admission prices for the match have been reduced with stand seats at £2 and terrace admission £1. Juveniles and pensioners will pay £1 in the stands and 70 pence on the terraces.

CHANGES ON THE BOARD

Wanderers director Derrick Warburton this week stood down from his position as managing director of the club with Brian Turnbull, the youngest and newest member of the board being appointed to the position of vice-chairman.

Mr Warburton, brother of chairman George Warburton, whose father and grandfather were prominent members of the board in years gone by, will stay on as a director of the club.

A former president of the club, Derrick Warburton was first appointed to the board in 1968. He left two years later, but returned as a director in February 1978.

Brian Turnbull has been a director of the club since January last year.

"JUNIOR WHITES" NEWS

This promises to be a very busy weekend for all concerned, with tomorrow various 6 a side matches taking place between our Junior set up and Manchester City's "Junior Blues". We shall be taking 36 members to the Platt Lane complex in Manchester, playing on Astroturf. We have hired a coach to take everyone, giving the Juniors a taste of the big time.

Then on Monday evening at 6.30 in the Executive Club we shall be holding our March Meeting, with all the Press and Radio men who cover Boltons games coming along. We are hoping to arrange a quiz, and you will be able to meet some more of your favourite players. New Members can enrol at the door.

Today's Mascot is Andrew Hall from Radcliffe, who captains a side called "Trotters". Well today Andrew will be leading out the real "Trotters".

Enjoy your Football.

Roy Cavanagh

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WHISTLE DOWN THE WING

Would it make life easier if we had two referees instead of one officiating at Football League matches! "There may be a case, and I stress may be, for having a referee in each half of the field," states Luton Town's young manager David Pleat.

The Luton boss is not having a go at the men in black, in fact he thinks the overall standard of control in this country is very good. But there is always room for improvement and this idea, fostered following a pre-season practice match with Arsenal, when they used two referees because they did not have three officials, could be of benefit to the game.

"I believe such a system would be particularly useful in games other than top quality matches," says Pleat. "By top quality I mean First Division football, where there is not so much long ball and it is easier for referees to sense which way the play is going to develop.

"In the lower leagues where there is less skill factor and passing movements between players, the ball travels all over the field and the official in charge has a very difficult task to keep to his diagonal and stay close to the play.

"A referee in each half, together with the two linesmen is an obvious benefit, but how they would run it ... from corner to corner, or down the middle, would have to be worked out. But certainly I saw enough in that game with Arsenal to warrant further experiments.

"If you have a referee in each half then basically it means that they are able to stay close to the action which is of enormous benefit.

"It is done in other sports like ice hockey and basket ball," points out the Luton manager who says: "I would much rather see the control of matches developing along these lines than have electronic devices introduced, such as is happening in tennis, where they have machines that decide whether the ball is out of play.

"I much prefer human control. Football is an instant game and we



Arsenal players seem to find one referee too much in this picture.

must not forget that a lot of the excitement is generated by bad decisions, or if you like human error. It causes controversy and argument and keeps the game alive."

It certainly seems like a worthwhile suggestion, although it might interest David and indeed our readers to know that there is nothing new in the idea. In fact the subject was first mooted as long ago as 1935 when the proposition to place the control of matches in the hands of two referees instead of one, became a major issue.

So strong was the feeling on the standard of refereeing at the time, that the Football League management committee decided that, subject to the clubs approval, the permission of the F.A. should be asked for the principle to be tested in the League the following season.

The matter came to the boil at the League's Annual Meeting on 3rd June, 1935, when Mr. Cuff, representing Everton, made the following plea:

1. Referees were not up with play due to the development of the game in the last few years, hence their decisions frequently gave dissatisfaction to players, spectators and club managements.
2. Referees were subjected to all known tests; they served a proper apprenticeship before they were elected to the lists, and yet they failed to give satisfaction.
3. The awarding of a goal or vital decision was a great responsibility

carrying with it the fate of League clubs. It was a responsibility in the present state of the game too great for one man.

4. Foul play would be eliminated, as the referee would always be on the spot and the good player would be enabled to play his natural game.

WRONG SYSTEM

Most of these sentiments could be drafted into the transcript of a proposal today ... time has altered little. Anyway Mr. Bendle Moore (Derby County) contended against the proposition, stating that a weak referee would still be weak even if he only had half the field in which to operate.

Furthermore, he contended that more use should be made of linesmen. "Three competent officials working as a team could control any game under the terms of the circular compiled by the Football Association and issued to referees during the recent season," he declared.

During the debate it was elicited from the Management Committee that they had received many complaints of weak control, and they had given such consideration to an alternative method of governing matches.

It was clearly stated that the proposal for dual control was not a reflection upon the referees. It was the system that was at fault.

However the plan was rejected when it was put to the clubs, by 31 votes to 18.

England means everything to **TONY WOODCOCK**

TONY WOODCOCK is a quiet unassuming young man of 24. A footballer of immense ability he has migrated from these shores to further his career and seek his fortune in the West German Bundesliga.

It is perhaps apt that emblazoned across his FC Cologne shirt in large white letters, is the message 'PIONEER', for in many ways that is exactly what this personable young Englishman is.

Born in Nottingham, Tony forged his career with his local side Nottingham Forest, although he did have two brief loan spells at Lincoln City and Doncaster Rovers.

Under the watchful eyes of Brian Clough and Peter Taylor, Tony gradually developed his game to emerge as a formidable striker, spearheading the attack of the team that were to become the European Cup winners in 1979.

Ironically Forest reached the final at the expense of Cologne, who they defeated 4-3 on aggregate in the semi-final after being held 3-3 at Nottingham in the first leg. Woodcock did not score, in fact he netted only once — in the 5-1 home win over AEK Athens in the Second Round — but he did enough to impress the German management.

In October 1979, Tony was transferred to Cologne for £600,000, a record fee for a West German club. It opened another thrilling chapter for him but left Forest with a striking problem they have yet to solve.

"There was only one nagging doubt about the move," claims Tony, "I was worried about my position with the England team.

"You see that means everything to me to be in the international squad. It is every footballers dream to be an international and if you can achieve it then everything is absolutely fantastic. Having earned my place in Ron Greenwood's squad I did not want to throw it all away by moving to Germany.

"However I spoke to Ron and he assured me that no matter where I play, I will still remain part of his plans and in his squad, and that was good enough for me."

That cleared up, Tony was sure of one thing, his move abroad would improve him as an international player. "It certainly hasn't hindered me," he claims, "and there is always the chance that playing in Germany can help me to become a better player. Many people think that it helped develop Kevin Keegan's game, so on the football

side it can only be a good thing."

Many observers with the welfare of England's international future in mind, were horrified that the Woodcock-Trevor Francis partnership was splitting up. Surely it would be detrimental to Ron Greenwood's plans?

Tony disagrees and points out: "My partnership with Trevor Francis was a good one at Forest and it was a pity that we could not keep it together for the European Championships last summer. But it was out of our hands, Trevor's damaged Achilles tendon frustrated us there.

"But looking at it on the broader front, I can't see that the fact that we are now playing with separate clubs will prove in any way detrimental to our international partnership, once Trevor recovers from his injury.

"There has been an awful lot of rubbish written about it, especially after we did so well in Belfast. As it happens, that was the first time we had played together up-front that season and in fact in the majority of our games at Forest, Trevor was playing in midfield.

"Trevor is a great player and we get on well together so I don't see any problems arising by me playing for Cologne and he playing for Forest. It just isn't going to make any difference.

"Actually that 5-1 win in Northern Ireland, was the first time that we had ever got a good striking relationship together."

Cologne finished fifth in the League table last season and much credit for this goes to the former Forest striker.

"Woodcock gave us so many more options in attack," says the golden boy of German football Bernd Schuster. The 20-year old midfielder has since left Cologne but he insists he is a better player for having played with Tony.

"I learnt a lot from him", Schuster reveals. "How to shield the ball and how to take control of it at speed. He is also a trier, never gives up even when he has lost the ball and this attitude encouraged us all.

"I think he is better than Keegan. He is faster and I think he is a better all-round team man."

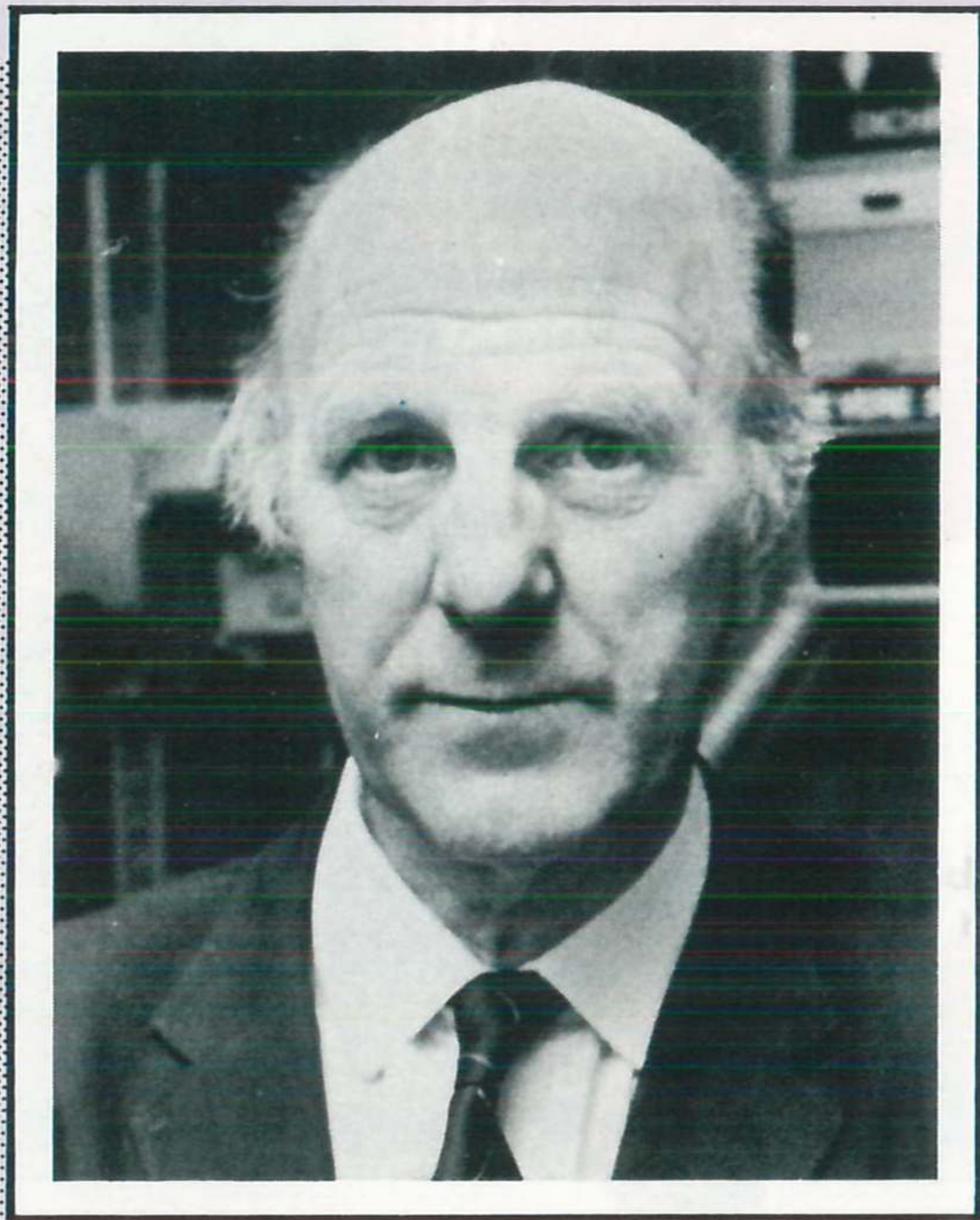
You certainly can't get higher praise than that. Now Tony's played a big part in Cologne's drive through to the final stages of the UEFA Cup, with the goals that beat Stuttgart in the Third Round. It is the kind of form he is anxious to reproduce for England now that he has successfully made the transition to the close-marking game of Germany.



The 1950s, the era that signalled Britain's post-war rehabilitation, also produced a footballing revolution.

It is often said, I think quite justifiably, that football mirrors the climate of the country. It was certainly the case then, when the game was dominated by a team whose tactics were so frighteningly basic, yet so devastatingly effective.

The architect of this new wave, was a precise, articulate man whose attention to detail, left nothing to chance. He was Stan Cullis, a former Wolves and England defender,



STAN CULLIS

EXPLOITED THE UNDEFINABLE LAW

by Colin Benson

who through the medium of the country's newest social disease — television — was over the decade, to become a household name.

Cullis fed his hungry Wolves on a diet of hard running, long balls and simplicity, that turned the famous old gold shirts into a devastating combination, every bit as feared throughout Europe, as that gregarious, carnivorous quadruped, the club had adopted as their emblem.

Wolverhampton Wanderers simply powered their way to three Football League championships in 1954, 1958 and 1959 with a brand of football that did not exactly please the purists but undoubtedly excited the punters.

They blazed the trail for European competition with a succession of highly charged floodlit friendlies against the likes of Honved and Real Madrid, the power and the speed of Wolves game contrasting starkly with the more precise and intricate patterns of the continentals.

Today Stan Cullis remains rightly proud of his teams achievements and defends stoutly the style he developed.

Says Cullis: "I think it was after we had played Real Madrid, when in the tea room after the game somebody said to a well known manager of the time; 'what do you think of the Wolves?' He replied; 'they just play this kick and rush football. The one goal they scored was from the goalkeeper kicking the ball up the middle to the centre-forward, who flicked it on and the inside right put it in the net.'

"Well! I was not bothered whether they called it pure football or not, if that was the way to get goals then it was right.

"I had a lot of that sort of thing to put up with. You get a lot of newspaper men who are purists, complaining that the long ball game depends on the mistakes the opposition make. Well that is where you get the majority of your chances. If the other side doesn't make any mistakes you won't get any goals.

DIRECT

"We used to pressurise our opponents as much as we could. We had a simple theory. I kept a record of all the goals we scored, a chart with one line numbered 0-10, covering the number of passes taken to score each goal.

"A zero pass was a penalty, a direct free-kick, or it could have been when one of our players dispossessed an opponent and then shot a goal.

"At the end of each season I would draw a thick line after three passes and 75% of our goals came within that 0-3 pass range, and in some instances it was a higher percentage.

"So we decided to stop passing and inter-passing in midfield, because most of it is just meaningless, just meaningless. They talk nowadays about possession football as if it is the answer to everything. It all started when Hungary beat us at Wembley in 1952 and the press cottoned onto this different style of short interpassing football played on the ground. But we analysed our game at Wolves and proved that the majority of our goals were created by direct play and so that was the way we developed our style."

TON-UP MEN

It certainly proved effectual. Between 1957 and 1961 Wolves scored over 100 goals in four successive seasons, a pattern the Molineux faithfuls would dearly love to see repeated. The fact that it probably never will be is as much due to the present cautionary code as the inability of the players.

Stan Cullis' side were adventurous if not refined. He says: "People don't realise that there are certain undefinable laws in football. They come under certain categories: There is the law of probability, the law of averages, the law of possibility, but overall there is random chance, and a lot of goals come from random chance.

"That is when somebody goes down and hits the ball hard and low into a crowded goalmouth . . . the ball hits a defender, comes back to one of your players who sticks it in the net. That is a zero pass because it is what we called regained possession.

"I used to have Hancocks and Mullen hitting such balls into the middle. Defenders never knew what type of centre they were going to deliver. High, low, middle, hard or soft. And the hard low driven cross on a wet surface can be devastating. It just needs someone to stick out a foot and it's a goal.

"Today you see balls played across the face of the goal but there is no one to tap them in. They are too far out or back away from the far post. The far post, the middle and the near post are the areas where you will flick them in.

"At the beginning of one season I got hold of one of my players and instructed him. 'Now when you see Hancocks or Mullen, or anybody else with a good shot, shoot, I want you irrespective of who else is in the area, to run towards the goalkeeper. He may catch the ball or punch it away, but a lot of times he will only block the ball and your job is simply to tap in the rebounds.'

"I guaranteed that player would score 20 goals that season doing that, in fact he scored



JESSE PYE



JOHNNY HANCOCKS

28 and only one of those goals was from outside the area.

"We had another player called Willshaw, who the fans reckoned could not play because he had poor ball control. I used to say I don't care about his ball control as long as he gets into the goalmouth to follow up. And sure enough Dennis used to tap them in regularly."

LEADBETTER

There is no doubt that the Wolves side of the fifties was the best exponent of the long ball game. Other teams found it difficult to copy successfully and the overall standard of English football slumped.

And yet one team did emerge to sweep the board with long raking passes that flashed from one side of the field to the other in that formidable Wolves fashion. They were Ipswich Town, who won the Second Division and First Division championships in successive seasons between 1960-62.

"It was when Alf Ramsey had a left winger called Leadbetter, who the pundits said could not play," recalls Stan Cullis. "I used to tell my players to get up the field and the ball will be hit over the fullback for them to run onto and that is how Ipswich played it with Leadbetter supplying the crosses."

Whatever the pros and cons of the long ball game are, one has to admit that Stan Cullis approached the game in a spirit that was refreshingly enterprising.

"I was not bothered how many goals we had scored against us as long as we got one more than they did every match," he comments. "You see my whole philosophy on the tactics of the game was to attack the other team."

It is certainly a pity that Stan Cullis, Wolves most successful manager, has not been called upon to proffer some of his 33 years experience back to the game he has done so much for.

THIS WEEK LOOKS AT

LUIS MARIA ARCONADA

OF SPAIN



Here in England we pride ourselves with our high goalkeeping standards. We are convinced that our 'keepers are the best in the world, and the Shilton or Clemence problem has forced Ron Greenwood to use these two great players alternately in the national team. But during the European Championship Finals, a new pretender emerged from abroad who dared to challenge the supremacy of our unbeatable duo. His full name is Luis Maria Arconada Echarri, known as Arconada. He played for Spain and gave breathtaking displays against Italy and England. He made stunning saves from Keegan, McDermott, Hoddle and Woodcock, and it wasn't his fault that England beat Spain 2-1. Arconada will be at Wembley in March when Spain are the visitors, and his appearance in our national stadium will give us an opportunity to compare him with Clemence and test his claim to the No. 1 spot in Europe. Arconada, a true Basque, was born in San Sebastian on June 26th 1954, son of a well-to-do businessman. Basques are very proud of their regional origins, and it is understandable that Arconada doesn't want to play for a glamorous big city club — he is happy at Real Sociedad of San Sebastian. He began his career with the same youth club — Lengokoak — as two other notable goalkeepers, Urruti and Artola. The club plays in local leagues with teams of boys aged

between 9-15. From here he graduated into a college team, La Salle, and earned his reputation with his bravery on gravel pitches. He is only 5' 10", but doesn't consider his lack of height a handicap. He says: "You don't need to be all that tall to be a goalkeeper — in fact, height can be a handicap when you have to get down to low shots. The important thing is a little bit of courage". He should have added agility, a safe pair of hands, good reflexes, self-confidence and perhaps a touch of luck to that prescription for outstanding goalkeeping. From his youth team, Arconada was signed by Real Sociedad at the age of 15, and sent on loan to their nursery team. He was there for three years, re-joined the seniors, and made his debut in a Cup game at Vigo against Celta during the 1974-75 season. He did brilliantly well for a young 'keeper, and has kept his place ever since. A year later, he was chosen to play for a so-called Spanish amateur eleven in the Montreal Olympics. Spain lost their matches, but it was a good experience for several budding internationals, including Arconada, Olmo, San Jose and Juanito. In the meantime, Real Sociedad established themselves in the First Division, and had their best ever season last year. They had a record run of 32 games undefeated, and led the table until the very last week of the championship. Finally, they were beaten in Seville, and Real Madrid won the League.

Arconada made his international debut for the full-team in 1977, when he came on as a second-half substitute against Hungary in Alicante. He didn't play in the World Cup — the then manager Kubala preferred the experienced Miguel Angel. It was a disastrous tournament for Spain, and Arconada explains: "Our preparation certainly wasn't ideal, but I think some of the problems were blown-up out of proportion. Our concentration could have been better organised. If we'd got to the second round, everyone would have been happy enough. It was a shame we didn't, for the Argentina fans. They gave us a tremendous welcome. No team, apart from Argentina, had more support. We let them down. It wasn't a particularly high quality World Cup. I looked carefully at all the goalkeepers, and though standards were reasonable enough, Hellstroem was the only one who really impressed me". After the World Cup, Arconada was back in the team again, and he played so well that he became a fixture during the run-up to the European Championship Finals in Italy. He is now considered a worthy successor to that other great Basque 'keeper, Jose Iribar, who played for Spain for over sixty times. Arconada will be in the Spanish goal in the next World Cup, and in front of his own people, he is sure to be one of the stars of the tournament.

OSVALDO ARDILES

TALKS FOOTBALL



Football has been under the screw a lot this season, which is to be expected I suppose under the current climate of recession.

When gates start falling and money becomes scarce it is inevitable that some factions will start to snipe at the product, make unsubstantiated claims about the lack of quality and value in the game.

It seems funny to me in a sad sort of way because I don't believe those knockers, I don't believe that the standard of the game has deteriorated to the extent that it is driving fans away. On the contrary I think that the football played in the Football League is of a very high standard and what's more that in the majority of cases it provides good entertainment and a spectacle well worth watching.

I know that there are some teams who go out to destroy the opposition and prevent more, shall we say adventurous sides, from playing. But hasn't that always been the case? Haven't there always been attractive sides and effective sides in the League. That is certainly the case back home in Argentina. No matter where or what standard the competition is, there will always be sides who try to make up for lack of ability, by organisation, hard work and tactics.

It is as much a part of the game as the referees whistle, not that I am defending teams who concentrate on massed defence to earn a result, but they have always been around.

To me such football practice is not in the right spirit, because the professional game should never lose sight of the fact that this is a spectator sport. We rely on you the paying customers and football managers, coaches and players should never forget this ... they should always be conscious of a responsibility to entertain.

But you know I am sure, that negative teams are in a minority. There are so many good entertaining teams around who provide excitement, colour and splendour to the sport. Teams like Liverpool, Ipswich, Aston Villa, Manchester United and West Bromwich Albion. Ourselves at Tottenham, West Ham United and many others.

These teams are good to watch, they are contributing positively towards making football the best sport in the world. I love football, and the people connected with it and I believe that on the whole our product is good, we provide value for money.

Benno

Colin Benson's world of soccer

It has been the accepted practice in this country for a long time now for players of 18-20 to make their mark in the First Division.

Such players however, have been quite a rarity in France, but there are now signs that youngsters are beginning to command a place in the top class game.

It seems the seed was sewn seven years ago when the French F.A. and its section that handles the professional game, decided to take charge of coaching young players. All the top clubs were told to set up coaching centres for apprentices.

The French F.A. had recognised that the clubs themselves had not developed the younger players, so they co-ordinated the whole scheme to prepare young players for the top-class game.

The average number of professional players in France has remained steady at around the 450 mark, but prior to the initiation of the F.A.'s scheme they were predominantly senior players.

Ten years ago there were 115 trainees registered, this season there are 215 and the youth section covering the 16-18 age bracket — which did not even exist before 1973 — has risen from 39 players to 149 in seven years.

Of the 832 official contracts accepted by the French F.A. this season, 364 (43.75%) are with players under 20 years of age. Also the current French national youth team can boast six players who hold regular places with First Division clubs.

St. Etienne, the club of the season so far in France, field four regular players under 20 and with the general average age of the French professional coming down to less than 25, the French F.A. can justly claim to have rejuvenated their game.

Now they hope to be able to compete more successfully at international youth level. The next test comes in the First European Championship for A-Youth Teams, in which they have been drawn against Portugal in the qualifying group.

The finals of this competition are to be played in the Federal Republic Of Germany next May and in the qualifying rounds, England face Northern Ireland, Wales play Eire and Scotland have already eliminated Iceland.

JUNIOR QUIZ TIME

1. Which animals are depicted on the badge of Chester F.C.?
2. St. James' Park is the home of which clubs?
3. Where was Bolton Wanderers star Alan Gowling born?
4. Ipswich beat Aston Villa 1-0 in the F.A. Cup. Who scored?
5. True or false. Bristol Rovers finished 2nd in the 1st Division in 1906-7?
6. With which club did Trevor Francis start his career?
7. Which non-league side survived the longest in the F.A. Cup last season?
8. Who was Newcastle United's leading scorer last season?
9. Who is the team manager of Millwall?
10. Who won the Gold Cup?



Unravel the name of a famous club now playing in the 4th Division? (two words), from the following?

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Junior Quiz Answers 1. Seals, 2. Newcastle United and Exeter City, 3. Stockport, 4. Paul Mariner, 5. False. It was Bristol City, 6. Birmingham City, 7. Harlow Town, 8. Alan Shoulder, 9. Peter Anderson, 10. Uruguay.

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BOLTON RECORD

Part 26 — Season 1913/14

When we resumed this popular feature by public request, we re-started with part 29 concerning season 1920/21 but, as many supporters have pointed out, the final instalment published last season was part 25 on season 1912/13. We apologise to supporters for this omission and, so that you can all complete the gap in your records, we are publishing the missing items in this programme and for the following two home games.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Division One	Home	Away
A. Villa	3-0	0-1
Blackburn	1-0	2-3
Bradford City	3-0	1-5
Burnley	0-0	2-2
Chelsea	1-1	1-2
Derby	3-1	3-3
Everton	0-0	1-1
Liverpool	2-1	1-2
Manchester City	3-0	1-0
Manchester Utd.	6-1	1-0
Middlesbrough	1-1	3-2
Newcastle	3-1	3-4
Oldham	6-2	0-2
Preston	0-3	1-1
Sheffield United	3-1	0-2
Sheffield Wednesday	0-1	1-1
Sunderland	2-1	2-3
Tottenham	3-0	0-3
W.B.A.	1-0	1-1

F.A. CUP

Rd. 1 — Port Vale (h)	3-0
2 — Swindon (h)	4-2
3 — Burnley (a)	0-3

League goalscorers

Lillicrop	24	Smith, J.	17
Jones	8	Vizard	5
Feebury	4	Donaldson	2
Fay	2	Rowley	1
Smith, H.	1	Stokes	1

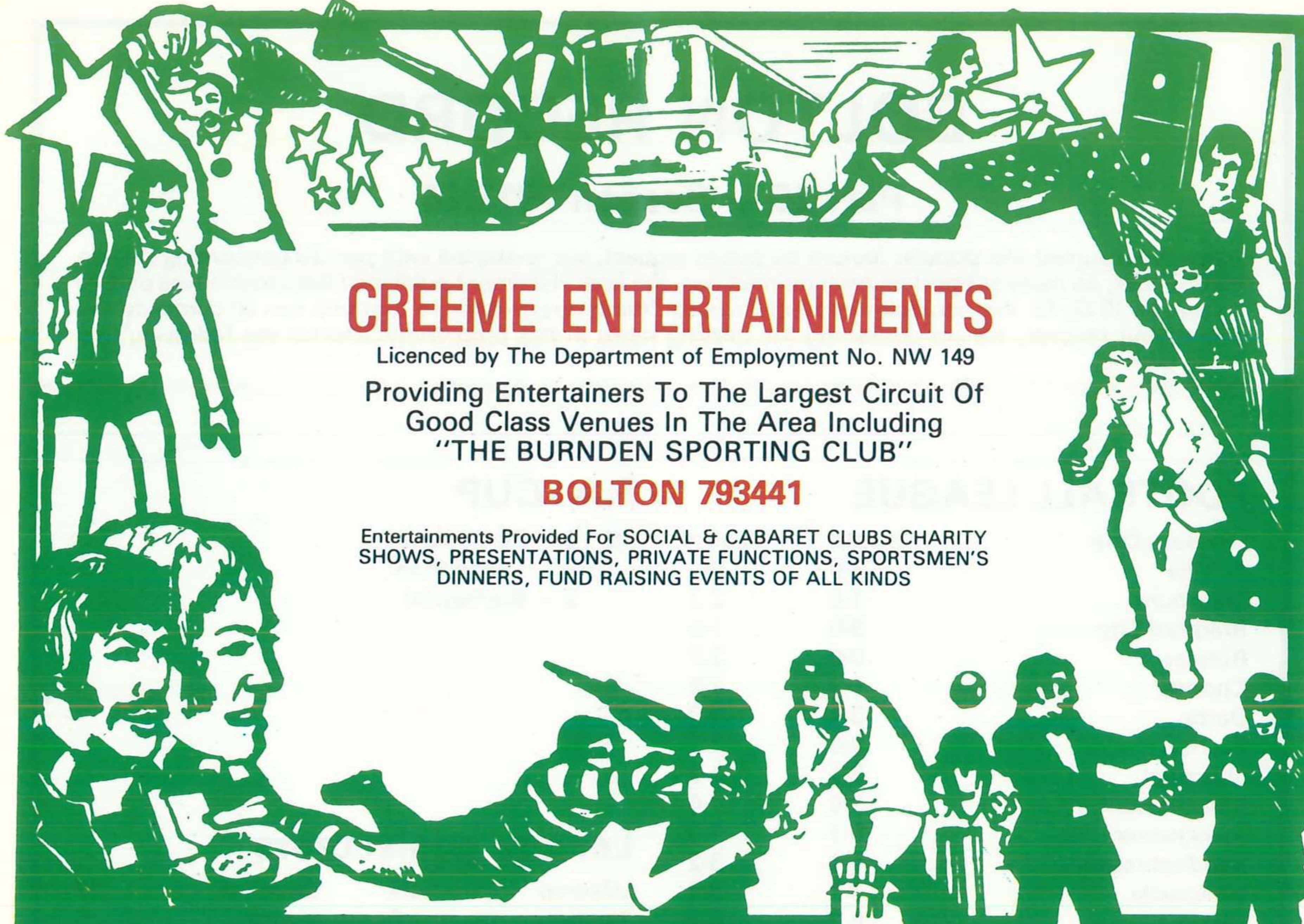
FOOTBALL LEAGUE

appearances:

Baverstock, H.	31	Baverstock, J.J.	2
Donaldson, A.	32	Edmondson, J.	29
Fay, J.	27	Feebury, J.H.	37
Gimblett, G.S.	2	Glendenning, R.	36
Greenhalgh, S.	1	Hateley, C.B.	1
Heslop, T.W.	6	Jennings, W.	10
Jones, E.	32	Lillicrop, G.	37
Lockhart, A.	2	Rowley, W.	24
Seddon, J.	1	Sidlaw, E.	6
Smith, H.	8	Smith, J.	35
Stokes, D.	8	Stott, W.	4
Thomas, J.	13	Tyldesley, J.	1
Vizard, E.T.	31	Whiteside, E.	2

DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blackburn Rovers	38	10	11	7	78	42	51
Aston Villa	38	19	6	13	65	50	44
Middlesbrough	38	19	5	14	77	60	43
Oldham Athletic	38	17	9	12	55	45	43
W.B. Albion	38	15	13	10	46	42	43
Bolton W.	38	16	10	12	65	52	42
Sunderland	38	17	6	15	63	52	40
Chelsea	38	16	7	15	46	55	39
Bradford City	38	12	14	12	40	40	38
Sheffield United	38	16	5	17	63	60	37
Newcastle United	38	13	11	14	39	48	37
Burnley	38	12	12	14	61	53	36
Manchester City	38	14	8	16	51	53	36
Manchester Utd.	38	15	6	17	52	62	36
Everton	38	12	11	15	46	55	35
Liverpool	38	14	7	17	46	62	35
Tottenham H.	38	12	10	16	50	62	34
Sheffield Wed.	38	13	8	17	53	70	34
Preston N.E.	38	12	6	20	52	69	30
Derby County	38	8	11	19	55	71	27



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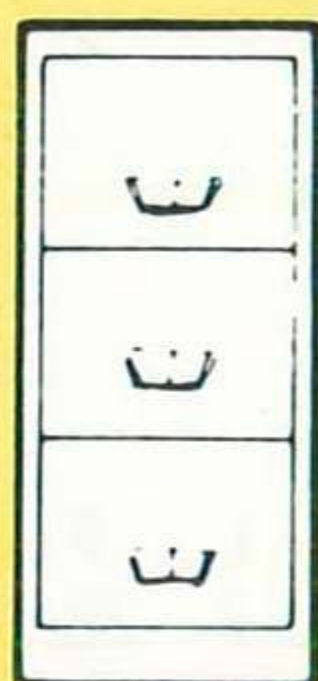
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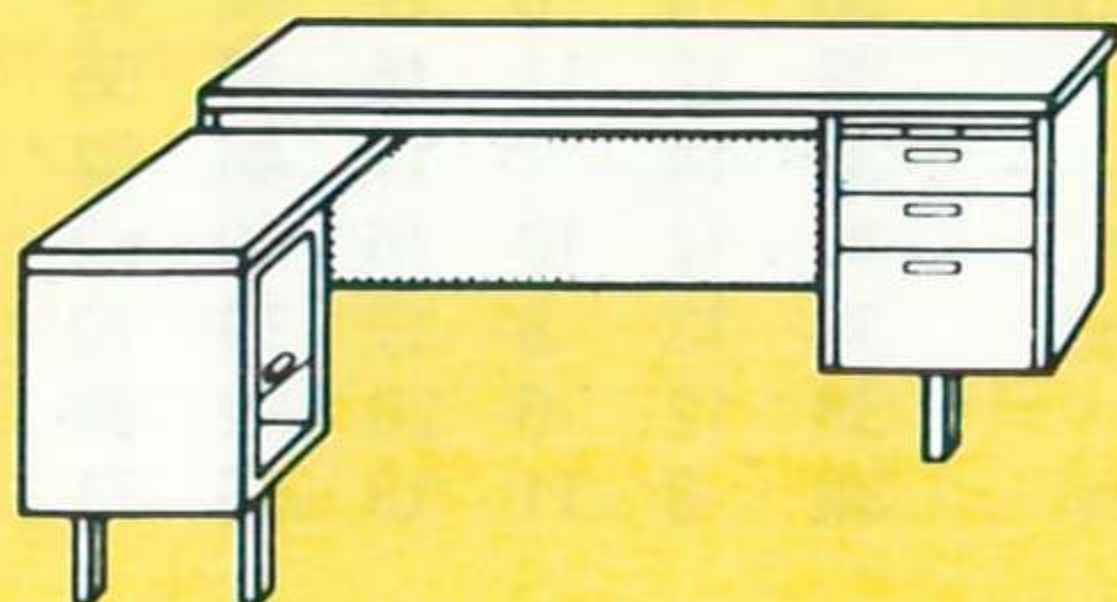
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CHELSEA v BOLTON

- A. Mike Graham in action
- B. Neil Whatmore in action
- C. Brian Kidd back on the ball after injury

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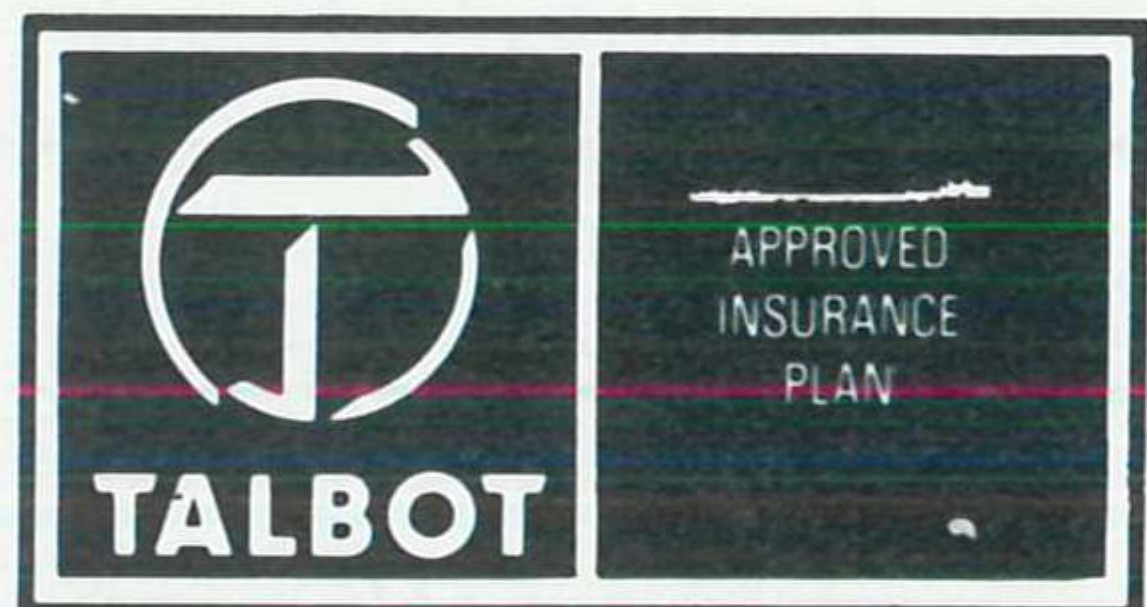
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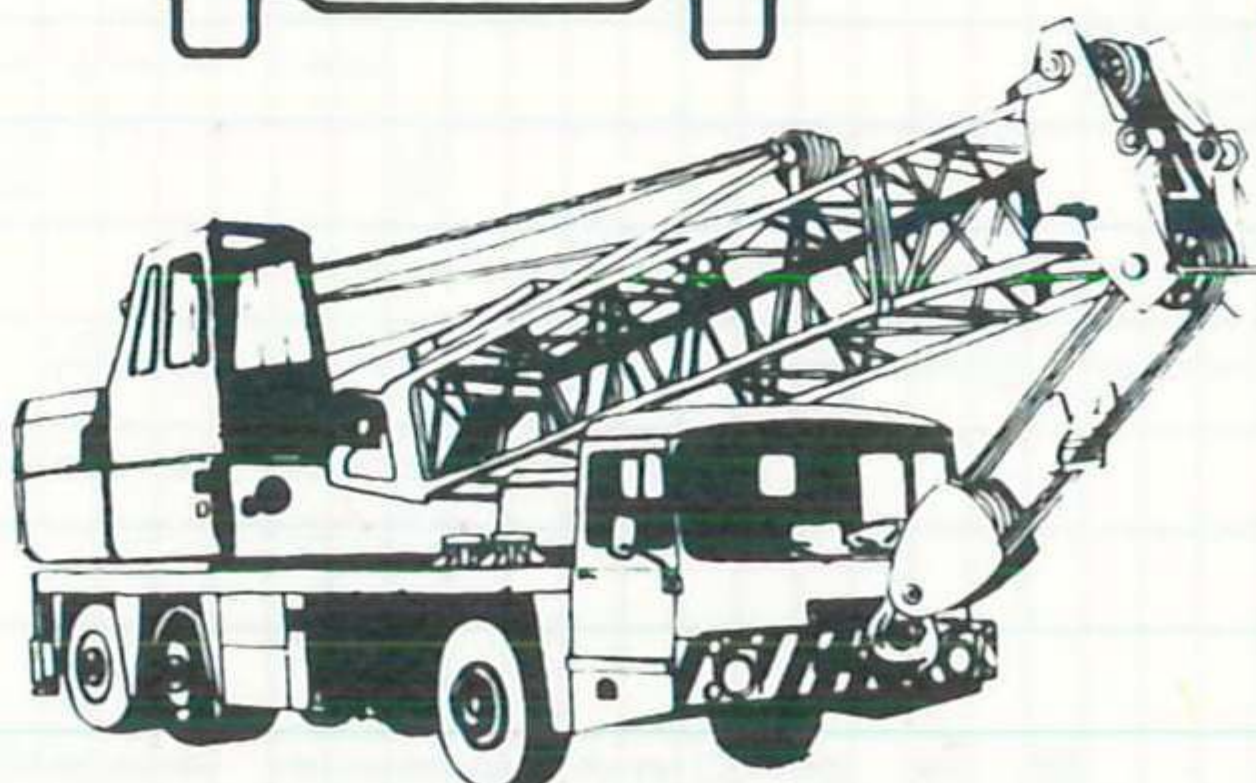
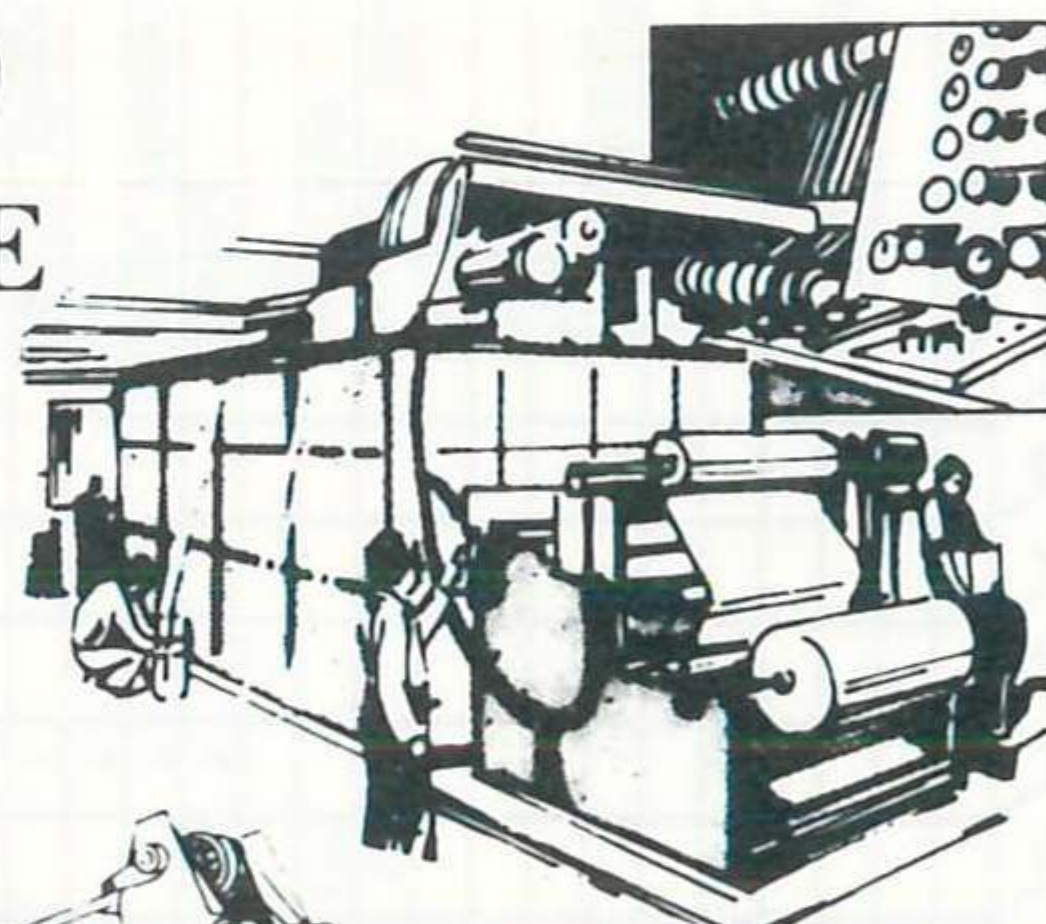
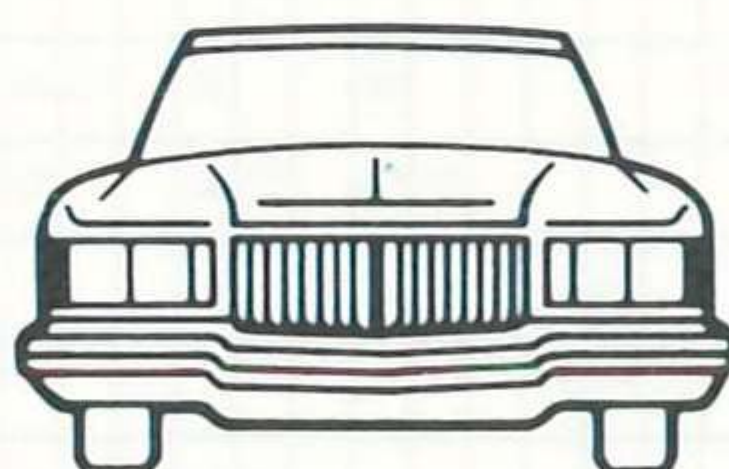
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CHELSEA v BOLTON

Peter Reid back in action after a three-month injury layoff.

Harry McGuire (Bolton 22002)

Facts & Figures 1980-81

HOME GAMES
IN CAPITALS

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Sub used

		FA	Attn	Peacock	Graham	Burke	Wilson	Jones	Walsh	Gowling	Whatmore	Carter	Kidd	Cantello	Bennett	Hoggan	Nowak	Clement	McElhinney	Nicholson	Poole	Thompson	Nikolic	Reid	Moore	Thomas	Brennan	Scorers
Aug.	16	Notts County	1-2	7,459	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12												Whatmore
	19	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	0-0	15,926	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12												Kidd(3) Whatmore
	23	NEWCASTLE	4-0	11,835	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		12											
	26	L.C. CRYSTAL PALACE	0-3	9,913	1	2	3	4*	5	6	7	8	9	10		11	12*											Kidd
	30	Derby County	0-1	17,378	1		3		5	6	7	8	9	10	4		11	12	2									Griffiths (o.g.) Gowling (pen)
Sept.	2	L.C. Crystal Palace	1-2	15,536	1	3			5*	6	7	8	9	10	4		11	12*	2									Walsh
	6	BRISTOL ROVERS	2-0	8,712	1	3	12*		5*	6*	7	8	9	10	4		11	7	2	5								Whatmore
	13	Cardiff	1-1	6,532	1	3	12*	9		6	5	8		10	4		11	7	3	12								Cantello
	20	SWANSEA	1-4	9,419	1	3	3		6	5	8		10	4		11												Thompson, Gowling
	27	Oldham	1-1	10,174		2	3	12	5	6	9	8		10	4*						1	7						Carter, Kidd
Oct.	4	CHELSEA	2-3	11,888		2	3		5	6	9	8		10	4						1	7	11					Kidd
	7	Shrewsbury Town	2-1	5,077		12	3	7	5	6	9	8		10	4						2	1	11*					Gowling
	11	Queens Park Rangers	1-3	8,641		3	7	5	6	9	8		11	10	4	12					2	1						Carter, Whatmore
	18	BRISTOL CITY	1-1	8,988		2	11		5	6	9	12	8	10	4						3	1		7				Kidd
	21	PRESTON NORTH END	2-1	10,713		2	3	5	6	11	8	9	10	4		12					1			7				Gowling
	25	West Ham United	1-2	25,277		2	3	5	6	11	8	9	10	4							12	1		7				Kidd
	29	Luton Town	2-2	8,300		2		4	5	6	11	8		10		12	9				12	1						Kidd (3), Whatmore, Hoggan, Cantello
Dec.	6	ORIENT	3-1	8,228		2		4	5	6	11	8		10		9					3	7	1					Hoggan
	13	Bristol City (2)	1-3	7,384		2		4	5		11	8		10		9					3	7	1					Wilson (2), Kidd
	19	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	1-2	6,315		2	3	4	5		11	8*		10		9					3	7	1					Whatmore (2)
	26	Wrexham	1-0	7,635		2		4		11	8		10		6	9					6	7	1	12*				Whatmore (pen)
	27	BLACKBURN ROVERS	1-2	18,184	1	2		4		11		12	10		6*	9					3	7	1	5				Gowling
1981																												Whatmore
Jan.	3	Nottingham Forest (FAC3)	3-3	22,520	1	2		4	5*																			Hoggan
	6	NOTTINGHAM F. (FAC3R)	0-1	22,799	1	2		4		11	8		10			9					6	12*		7				Hoggan(2), Whatmore
	10	Grimsby Town	0-4	9,320	1	2		4		5			10		11	9					3	5		7				
	24	DERBY COUNTY	3-1	9,937	1	2		4	5		11		10			9					3	12*		7*				
	31	Newcastle United	1-2	19,108	1	2		4	5				10		11	9					3		12*	7				Gowling(2), Thomas
Feb.	7	CARDIFF CITY	4-1	8,115	1	2		4	5		11					9					3		7					Bennett
	14	Bristol Rovers (5)	1-2	5,368		2		12*	5						10	9					3		12	7				Thomas (2), Wilson, Nikolic
	24	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	2-0	9,641	1	2	4	12	5		11	8			4*	9					3	1	7					Gowling
	28	Swansea City	0-3	9,468		2	4									9					3		7					Whatmore, Thomas
Mar.	7	Chelsea (6)	0-2	12,948		2			5	11	8			10	4		12*				3		1	12*	7			
	14	SHREWSBURY T. (LCF)																			3		1	7	9			
	21	Preston North End																										
	28	WEST HAM UNITED																										
Apr.	4	Cambridge United																										
	11	WATFORD (SF)																										
	17																											
	18	Blackburn Rovers																										
	20	WREXHAM																										
	25	Orient																										
May	2	LUTON TOWN																										
	9	F.A. Cup Final																										

BURNDEN DATES

LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
WEST HAM UNITED
SATURDAY 28th MARCH 1981
KICK-OFF 3.00 p.m.

(Up to and including Tuesday 10th March 1981)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Goals
West Ham United	33	16	0	1	46	11	6	7	3	17	15	51
Notts County	32	8	6	2	21	12	6	7	3	16	18	41
Sheffield Wednesday	32	12	4	1	30	9	3	4	8	12	22	38
Chelsea	33	8	5	4	27	10	6	4	6	19	21	37
Grimsby Town	33	8	7	1	17	3	4	6	7	19	24	37
Blackburn Rovers	32	9	6	1	21	6	3	7	6	13	20	37
Derby County	33	7	7	2	28	21	5	6	6	20	22	37
Swansea City	32	10	2	4	31	16	3	8	5	18	21	36
Luton Town	32	7	5	4	27	20	6	4	6	18	18	35
Queens Park Rangers	33	8	6	3	27	11	4	4	8	16	20	34
Cambridge United	32	11	1	5	26	17	4	3	8	13	27	34
Orient	33	7	6	3	25	15	4	4	9	16	27	32
Watford	33	10	4	3	27	16	1	5	10	11	22	31
Newcastle United	32	7	5	3	13	10	3	6	8	8	26	31
Bolton Wanderers	33	9	3	4	36	19	2	3	12	14	34	28
Wrexham	32	3	6	6	13	19	6	4	7	17	18	28
Cardiff City	33	7	4	5	18	16	3	4	10	18	33	28
Preston North End	32	7	6	3	23	18	1	6	9	8	30	28
Oldham Athletic	33	5	7	4	13	11	3	4	10	15	29	27
Shrewsbury Town	33	6	6	5	26	19	0	7	9	5	20	25
Bristol City	32	5	8	4	15	11	0	5	10	6	27	23
Bristol Rovers	33	2	8	6	16	20	1	4	12	11	32	18

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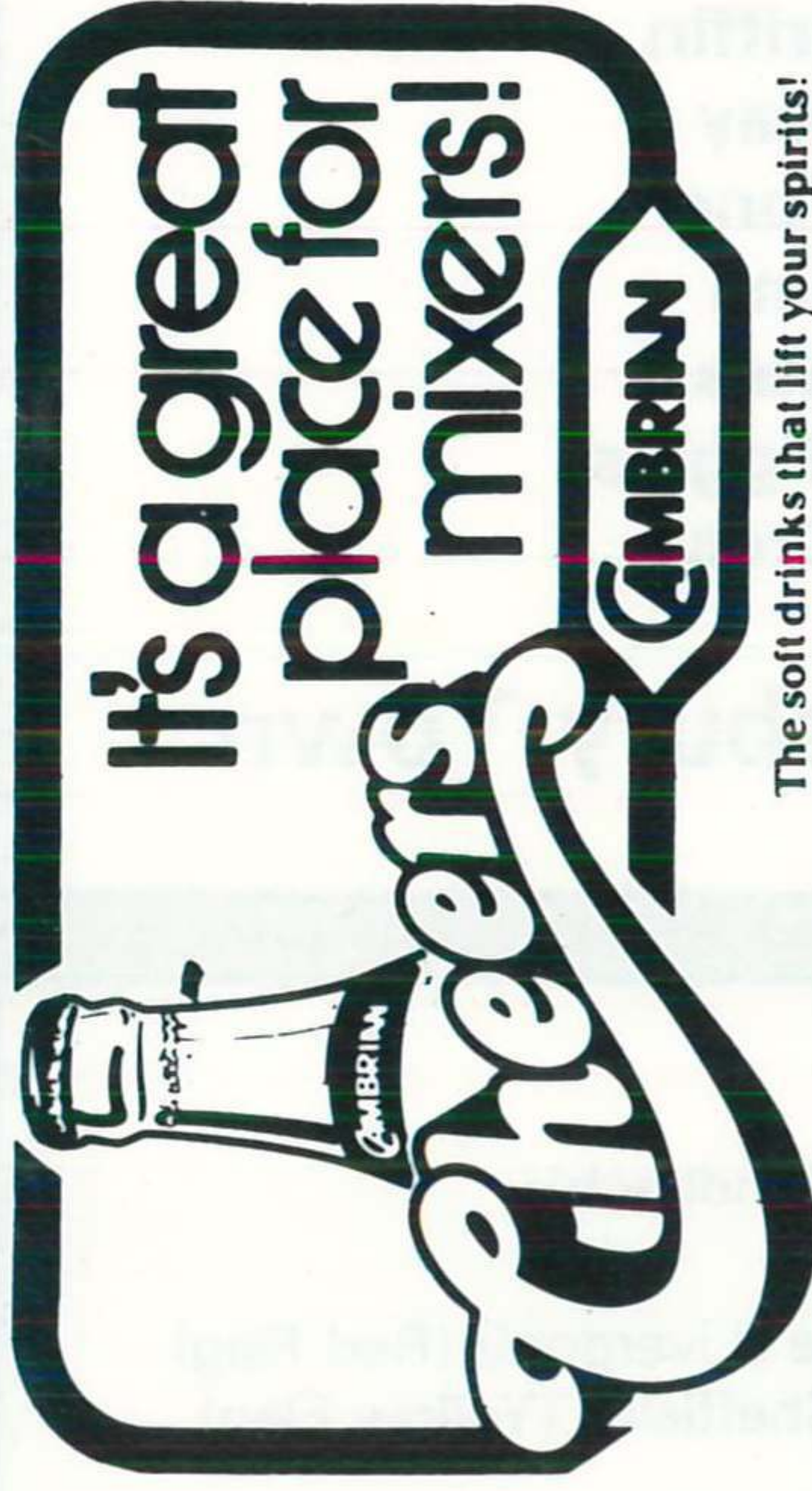
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SHAW, DON (Sandbach, Cheshire). Commenced refereeing in 1964 then graduated via the Crewe and District, Mid-Cheshire and Northern Premier Leagues to the Football League list. Refereed the Cheshire Youth, Saturday and Senior Cup Finals in 1976, 1977 and 1979. Was also in charge of a Northern Premier League Cup Final and an Anglo-Italian Competition tie. He lined a UEFA Cup match in 1976, an FA Cup Semi-Final in 1977 and the Charity Shield in 1978.

A married man, with two daughters, he is a Commercial Vehicle Electrician and enjoys gardening, listening to music and wine making. Past Chairman of the Northern Premier Association of Referees and Linesmen.

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